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Substitute Senate Bill No. 361

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The Committee on Education reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist. and SEN. BOUCHER of the 26th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) A regional educational
2 service center may enter into an agreement with one or more local or
3 regional boards of education to provide administrative services related
4 to the operation and management of the school district to enable such
5 boards to carry out the duties specified in the general statutes. Such
6 agreements may include (1) the sharing of administrative staff, and (2)
7 the provision of administrative services by regional educational service
8 center personnel, including, but not limited to, the management of
9 pupil personnel staff, data collecting and reporting, financial
10 management and business services, information technology services,
11 monitoring of compliance with state and federal education laws,
12 facilities management, the provision of teachers and staff and other
13 services.

14 Sec. 2. Section 10-66o of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

16 The Department of Education shall encourage the use of regional
17 educational service centers as providers of goods and services for local
18 and regional boards of education and may award special consideration
19 to grant applications that indicate the use of services of regional
20 educational service centers or joint purchasing agreements among
21 boards of education for the purpose of purchasing instructional or
22 other supplies, testing materials, special education services, health care
23 services, [or] food or food services or administrative services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-66o

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Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a potential savings to various local and regional school districts, as it allows a regional education service center (RESC) to enter into an agreement with one or more local or regional boards of education to provide administrative services related to school district operation and management to enable the boards to carry out their statutory duties.

The scope of the savings to each local and regional board of education will be dependent upon the size of the district, the cost difference between using RESCs and existing methods, the extent to which the services mentioned above are utilized, and the flexibility to adopt more efficient services.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the savings achieved.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 361*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes a regional educational service center (RESC) to enter into an agreement with one or more local or regional boards of education to provide administrative services related to school district operation and management to enable the boards to carry out their statutory duties. Current law is silent on RESCs providing administrative services. There are six RESCs in the state that each include as members the local and regional boards of education in their respective regions.

Under the bill, such agreements may include (1) board and RESC sharing of administrative staff and (2) RESC provision of administrative services, including, but not limited to, pupil personnel management; data collection and reporting; financial management and business services; information technology services; compliance monitoring with state and federal education laws; facilities management, and provision of teachers.

Current law requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to encourage boards of education to use RESCs to provide goods and services and allows SDE to give special consideration to grant applications that include the use of RESCs for purchasing agreements for supplies, testing materials, special education services, health care services, or food or food services. The bill also authorizes SDE to give special consideration to applications that indicate the use of RESCs for administrative services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/14/2018)